of Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 :—

— Raw hides and skins, leather and patent leather

— Motor cars

— White goods.

454. [*Transferred to 10th May, 1993*]

**Demands of employees of Khadi Gramodyog**

455. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an Association of Employees of Khadi Gram Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi has put forth a demand to make the employees of Khadi Bhavan as regular members of Khadi Commission;

(b) if so, whether the services of these employees have not been regularised even after 38 years of their service; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Employees of Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi, have put forth their demand for making their service pensionable.

(b) KVIC have informed that it is not correct to state that the services of these employees have not been regularised. They receive all the benefits available to regular employees other than pension. In lieu of pension, they are covered by the E. P. F. rules.

(c) The extension of pensionary benefit to the trading staff has been examined earlier by this Ministry in consultation with Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Expenditure and Deptt. of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare and it was decided not to extend this benefit to the trading staff of KVIC. However, the Employees of Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan have filed writ petitions in the matter in the High Courts of Delhi and Bombay respecively. The matter is sub-judice.

**Foreign Investment Promotion Board**

456. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of foreign investment proposals that have so far been approved by the Central Empowered Committee recently on the basis of the recommendations made by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB); and

(b) what is the likely total foreign investment envisaged in each case indicating the projects, field and States/Union Territories selected for this purpose particularly in Rajasthan as well as Orissa with exact locations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) The Empowered Committee, constituted in September, 1992, has cleared 227 proposals envisaging total direct foreign investment, including NRI investment, of Rs. 1035.06 crores, till the end of March, 1993.

The proposals which have been cleared are in the field of engineering goods, machinery items, textiles, electronics, chemicals, petroleum & natural gas, food processing and agro-based industries, fermentation, giftwares, granites and ceramic decorated tiles, rubber and leather goods, power generation equipment, transportation equipment and hospitals etc.